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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF BANGLADESHI CHILDREN

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1. ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES (IVS) REPRESENTATIVES, THERE IS ONE AMERICAN/CANADIAN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATION IN DACCA WHICH ASSISTS NON-BANGLADESH NATIONALS IN THE ADOPTION OF BANGLADESHI CHILDREN. ORGANIZATION IS FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN, INC., 251/G, ROAD 23, DHANMONDI, DACCA. REPRESENTATIVE IS MS. JO RUSSELL. FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN HAS BEEN OPERATING IN DACCA SINCE EARLY 1975, AND AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1975 HAD ARRANGED FOR SIXTEEN ADOPTIONS. ACCORDING TO IVS PUBLICATION, IF BANGLADESHI CHILD IS SENT TO U.S. PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF ADOPTION FORMALITIES, BANGLADESH DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOLLOWS UP ON CASE UNTIL CHILD IS LEGALLY ADOPTED. ADOPTIVE CHILDREN AWAITING COMPLETION OF BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT FORMALITIES ARE HOUSED AT FAMILIES FOR CHILDRENS CENTER ON ROAD 23, AND PROVIDED MEDICAL AND SOCIAL CARE. FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN ACTS ON BEHALF OF PARENTS WHO WANT TO ADOPT CHILDREN BECAUSE THE PARENTS ARE CHILDLESS AND BIOLOGICALLY INCAPABLE OF PRODUCING A CHILD, OR BECAUSE THE PARENTS HAVE ONE OR TWO CHILDREN AND WANT MORE. THE ORGANIZATION ALSO ACTS ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO ADOPT A CHILD FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS.

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2. FYI, PROCESSING IVS FOR ADOPTIVE CHILDREN HAS PROVEN TO BE QUITE TROUBLESOME TO THE CONSULAR SECTION. FIRST, THE BDG MOVES VERY SLOWLY ON ADOPTION CASES. SECOND, IN MANY CASES ADOPTIVE PARENTS DO NOT UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE STATE'S PREADoption REQUIREMENTS, AND INS WILL SUSPEND ACTION ON I-600S FOR ADOPTIVE CHILDREN UNLESS THE PREADoption REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. THIRD, ADOPTIVE PARENTS OR THEIR RELATIVES WILL IN SOME CASES TRAVEL TO BANGLADESH TO TAKE BACK THE CHILD WITHOUT THE FORMALITIES HAVING BEEN COMPLETED. THE ASSISTANCE OF AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN DOES NOT AVOID THESE PROBLEMS, AND PARENTS WHO WANT TO ADOPT BANGLADESHI CHILDREN SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT, AT BEST, THE PROCESS IS COMPLICATED AND TIME CONSUMING.

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